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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449, copies of references AC and AE to AG, English abstracts of references AB to AG, a copy of the English version of the International Search Report issued on December 21, 2004 in the corresponding PCT International Application, and a copy and an English translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (PCT/ISA/237). Copies of references AB and AD are not (and need not be) enclosed, because they have been transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT application.

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- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- 3) Reference AA is in English. References AB to AG are accompanied by English Abstracts. References AC and AE to AG have been discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification (identified as "patent document 1", "patent document 2", "patent document 3", and "patent document 4"). Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AB and AD by category ("A" means technological background). Thereby a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see MPEP §609).
- 5) Still further, the enclosed Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (PCT/ISA/237) indicates that all original PCT claims 1 to 8 satisfy all criteria for patentability, including novelty, non-obviousness, and utility.
- 6) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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